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Draft strategy for the further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

1. At its ___ meeting, on ___ January 2005, the Main Committee approved the following changes to the text of the draft strategy for the further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/CONF.207/L.1) and recommended them to the International Meeting for adoption.

2. Paragraph 1 was revised and made into two paragraphs to read:

> 1. The Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States remains the blueprint for small island developing States and the international community to address national and regional sustainable development in small island developing States that takes into account the economic, social and environmental aspects that are the pillars of the holistic and integrated approach to sustainable development. The Programme of Action sets out basic principles as well as specific actions that are required at the national, regional and international levels to support sustainable development in small island developing States. Along with the Barbados Programme of Action, the Rio Principles, the full implementation of Agenda 21, the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation and the outcomes of other relevant major United Nations conferences and summits, including the Monterrey Consensus, all contribute to the sustainable development of small island developing States.
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> 1 bis. The internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration, provide the overarching framework for global poverty eradication and development support. National development plans and strategies, including national sustainable development strategies, should

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include poverty reduction strategies, as appropriate, in order to contribute to the achievement of these internationally agreed goals and to be a key underpinning of donor and United Nations system support for small island developing States.

3. Paragraph 1 ter was deleted.

4. Paragraph 2 was revised to read:

2. Small island developing States acknowledge that sustainable development is primarily a national responsibility, but also that for small island developing States to succeed, given their acknowledged vulnerabilities, the Rio Principles, including, inter alia, the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities as set out in principle 7 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, must be given specific expression for small island developing States. Furthermore, there is a need for strengthened cooperation and partnership in support of sustainable development of small island developing States at the national, regional and international levels. Such partnership should be broad-based and ensure the involvement and participation of relevant stakeholders.

5. Paragraph 3 was revised to read:

3. Small island developing States have demonstrated their commitment to sustainable development through utilization principally of their own resources in the implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States while at the same time addressing increasing obligations under international agreements. In addition, the international community has provided financing and technical assistance in sectors that were fairly new in 1994. For the most part, the efforts of small island developing States have been pursued within the constraints of limited financial resources, including an overall decline in official development assistance (ODA) to small island developing States, as noted in the report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.17/2004/8). Furthermore, an analysis of the report shows an increase in ad hoc stand-alone projects, rather than a programmed or strategic approach. It is crucial to mobilize domestic resources, attract international flows, promote international trade as an engine for development, increase international financial and technical cooperation for development, make debt-financing sustainable and provide external debt relief and enhance the coherence and consistency of the international monetary, financial and trading systems.

6. Paragraph 6 was revised to read:

6. In order to complement national and regional development efforts for small island developing States, there is an urgent need to enhance coherence, governance and consistency of the international monetary, financial and trading systems, which would facilitate the participation of small island developing States in international financial decision-making processes and institutions and in the process of setting international rules, codes, norms and standards.